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EXDIS - FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM HARTMAN

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SUBJECT:STEPANOV CASE

REF: MOSCOW 13374

1. EMBASSY IS CORRECT THAT SOVIETS HAVE NOT ALWAYS RETALIATED WHEN SMUN OFFICERS WERE PNGED, ASKED TO LEAVE OR TOLD NOT TO RETURN. OUR FILES SHOW THAT IN PERIOD 1954-1966 SOVIET GOVERNMENT RETALIATED IN ONLY THREE OF TWELVE CASES OF EXPULSION OF SMUN EMPLOYEES. (TWO OF THESE THREE CASES WERE WIDELY PUBLICIZED AND INVOLVED DETENTION OF SMUN OFFICERS FOR A TIME AND THIRD ALSO INVOLVED EXPULSION OF SOVIET EMBOFF.) IN 1967 IN RETALIATION FOR EXPULSION OF SMUN OFFICER (KIREYEV) AND SOVIET EMBOFF (POPOV), SOVIETS EXPELLED TWO EMBOFFS (CHAPMAN AND MEEKER).

IN JULY 1969 WE TRIED TO CANCEL THE REENTRY VISAS OF SMUN COUNSELOR ANDREYEV AND SECOND SECRETARY IVANOV, BUT

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ANDREYEV GOT BACK BEFORE WE COULD STOP HIM AND WE HAD TO

EXPEL HIM. THE SOVIETS RESPONDED BY EXPELLING KOVNER. IN JUNE 1975 SOVIETS DID NOT RESPOND WHEN WE CANCELLED REENTRY VISA OF SMUN THIRD SECRETARY GADZHIYEV WHO WAS NAMED IN PASKELIAN ESPIONAGE CASE.

2. IN LOOKING AT SOVIET ACTIONS AGAINST OUR PEOPLE IN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD, YOU WILL RECALL THAT WE DID NOT RETALIATE FOR MOST RECENT SOVIET EXPULSION. WHILE LENINGRAD OFFICER WAS NOT PNGED IN TECHNICAL SENSE, SOVIETS IN EFFECT FORCED US TO WITHDRAW HIM AND WE DID NOT RESPOND.

3. DEPARTMENT CONCURS THAT SOVIET GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT RETALIATE AGAINST AMEMBASSY PERSONNEL WITH IMPUNITY, AND WE AGREE THERE IS MERIT IN PROPOSAL IN REFTEL THAT RETALIATION AGAINST AMEMBASSY SHOULD BE MET WITH RETALIATION AGAINST SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON. THIS WOULD BE A FIRST IN OUR THIRTY YEAR HISTORY OF PNG'S, HOWEVER, AND DEPARTMENT WILL WANT TO CONSIDER ACTION CAREFULLY IN LIGHT OF SOVIET ACTION (IF ANY). THEREFORE YOU SHOULD RESPOND TO ANY MFA NOTICE OF RETALIATION MAKING POINTS A, B AND D FROM REFTEL.

4. IF MFA SHOULD NOTIFY YOU OF EXPULSION YOU MAY CARRY OUT ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS AND DEPARTMENT WILL FOLLOW UP PROMPTLY.

5. SLUG FURTHER TRAFFIC ON THIS MATTER FOR EUR HARTMAN

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